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FOR LUERS

IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF COLOMBIA-VENEZUELA OFFSHORE BOUNDARY PROBLEMS CURRENTLY IN OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION CONCERNING CLOSING LINE FOR "HISTORIC" WATERS IN GULF OF VENEZUELA. DATA FURNISHED BY EMBASSY CARACAS AND BOGOTA INDICATE THREE SEPARATE POSSIBILITIES: A) CONTINUATION OF LAND BOUNDARY; B) 12 NAUTICAL MILES EASTWARD EXTENSION FROM FINAL LAND BOUNDARY POINT AND THENCE TO PUNTA MACOLLA OR C) LINE CONNECTING FINAL LAND BOUNDARY POINT WITH PUNTA MACOLLA. AREA INVOLVED SMALL BUT PRINCIPLE FOR DELIMITATION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

ALSO REQUIRE, IF AVAILABLE, INFO CONCERNING PUBLIC DECLARATION OF HISTORIC CLAIMS BY GOV. IRWIN

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